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## **Norfolk Surface Strike Ship to Return from Deployment**

NORFOLK, Va. – More than 300 Sailors from USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) will return to their homeport on Sunday after completing a six-month deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Arleigh Burke conducted Maritime Security Operations in the U.S. Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) and Theater Security Cooperation in the U.S. Sixth Fleet AOR. The ship deployed from Norfolk on November 7.

As a Surface Strike Ship, Arleigh Burke participated in regional exercises with allies and made diplomatic port calls.

This deployment was designed to be flexible and provided presence and strike power to support joint and allied forces afloat and ashore.

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**NOTE: Media partners wishing to cover the homecoming of the Arleigh Burke should contact Second Fleet Public Affairs at (757) 443-9850 (x47127) by 3 p.m. Friday, May 5.**

Information on USS Arleigh Burke is available by visiting <http://www.navy.mil/>. Use the ship type to find information on the ships.